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# **Cobb County Community Development Block Grant Program**

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## **COBB COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT [CDBG] PROGRAM APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS 2007**

## **1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

### **A. HUD EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Each Program Year, Cobb County must expend at least 70% of its CDBG funds to benefit primarily low and moderate income persons. Each individual non-housing CDBG project must benefit primarily low and moderate income persons [at least 51% of the persons served by each project must have total household incomes that do not exceed 80% of median household income for metropolitan Atlanta, as depicted in the CDBG Income Table. All housing activities funded with CDBG funds must serve 100% low and moderate income persons.
2. By October 31 of each Program Year, Cobb County must have expended enough of its CDBG grant funds in its Letter Of Credit [LOC] so that no more than 1.5 times its most recent CDBG grant and any unexpended Program Income remains in the Letter Of Credit.

### **B. ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

Applications may be submitted for a number of different eligible activities permitted under the CDBG regulations [24 CFR Part 570], and as implemented by Cobb County. The eligible activities are further described in the **Community Development Block Grant Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for Entitlement Communities, August 1998.** [Copies are available, at no cost, from the Cobb County CDBG office.]

1. Examples of Eligible Projects [24 CFR 570.201]:
  - a. Acquisition of Real Property for a CDBG Eligible-Activity;
  - b. Acquisition, Construction, Reconstruction, Rehabilitation of Public Facilities and Improvements, [Including Equipment that is Permanently Affixed to the Facility];
  - c. General Public Facilities [Excludes General Government Buildings such as City Halls, Police Stations, etc.];
  - d. Senior Citizens Centers;
  - e. Youth Centers;
  - f. Centers for Persons with Disabilities;
  - g. Parks;
  - h. Homeless Shelters;
  - i. Battered Spouse Shelters;
  - j. Health Centers;
  - k. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, Water and Sewer – for Neighborhoods;
  - l. Public Services – Purchase of Capital Equipment

## **2. HUD RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC SERVICES:**

- (1) Must be a new service or an increase in current services to eligible CDBG clients;
- (2) Not more than 15% of the County's CDBG funds [total of grant and program income funds] can be expended by the County in a Program Year.

### **COBB COUNTY RESTRICTION ON PUBLIC SERVICES:**

**Cobb County does not use its CDBG funds to fund Public Services operating costs.**

**3. INELIGIBLE CDBG ACTIVITIES [24 CFR 570, SECTION 207]**

- (1) Assistance Used for the Acquisition, Construction, Rehabilitation or Improvements to Building/Facilities Used for the General Conduct of Government, Except for the Removal of Architectural Barriers.
- (2) General Government Expenses
- (3) Political Activities such as Engaging in Partisan Political Activities
- (4) Operating and Maintenance Expenses
- (5) New Housing Construction

**4. MAXIMUM PERIOD TO COMPLETE A COBB COUNTY PROJECT**

1. 2007 Maximum Project Period – **PUBLIC FACILITY PROJECTS:**  
January 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 [18 months]
2. 2007 Maximum Project Period – **PUBLIC SERVICES and HOUSING PROJECTS:**  
January 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008 [15 months]

**5. REIMBURSEMENTS**

Reimbursements will be available to agencies for funding by Cobb County on a reimbursement basis only.

**6. CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

All proposed CDBG Program activities must address the Goals and Priority Objectives in the Cobb County Consolidated Plan, as indicated below:

- **INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW TO MODERATE INCOME PERSONS**
- **ELIMINATE SUBSTANDARD HOUSING FOR LOW TO MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES**
- **INCREASE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR HOMELESS AND NEAR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES**
- **INCREASE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**
- **INCREASE CAPACITY OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES TO IMPROVE THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUALS.**